

## From Rocks to Dust:

#### **Nephrolithiasis &**

#### the Kidney Stone Diet





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## Who is our Audience Today?

- Dietitians
- Nurses
- Pharmacists
- Physicians
- Social Workers

# Do you care for individuals with nephrolithiasis...

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- <Monthly</p>
- Never



#### Pre-test 1



- All of the following are effective treatments for kidney stone except:
  - Low animal protein diet
  - Low sodium diet
  - Citrate supplementation
  - Dietary calcium restriction
  - Increased fluid intake

#### Pre-test 2



- What is the most common type of kidney stone?
  - Calcium oxalate
  - Uric acid
  - Drug
  - Struvite
  - Cystine

#### NEPHROLITHIASIS – A PAINFUL PROBLEM!



- Affects approx 10% of adults
  - Slight male predominance
- Incidence varies geographically
- Approx 50% have one or more recurrence at 10 years
  - Detailed evaluation generally performed for recurrent stone formers
- Can cause significant morbidity
- Rare cause of end-stage kidney failure

### Pathophysiology

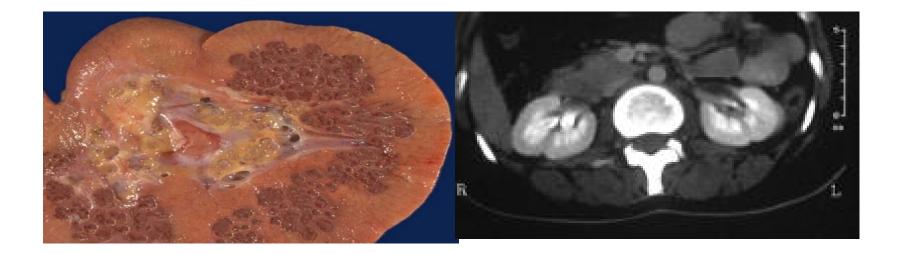
- Supersaturation
- Stasis
- Structural abnormality





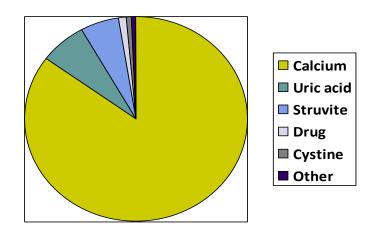


#### Medullary Sponge Kidney



## **Types of Stones**

- Calcium
  - Calcium oxalate
  - Calcium phosphate
- Uric acid
- Struvite 'staghorn'
  - Magnesium ammonium phosphate
- Drug-related
  - Creation of metabolic environment favouring stone formation
  - Crystallization of drug itself when supersaturated in urine
- Rare Stone Disorders:
  - APRT Deficiency, Dent Disease, Cystinuria, Primary hyperoxaluria





#### How Can I Tell What Type of Stone My Patient Has?



#### • History

- Age, comorbidities, medications, family history, occupation / environment, prior kidney or GI surgery
- Physical
  - Urinalysis
    - presence of crystals
- Lab testing
  - Serum: creatinine, bicarbonate, calcium, PTH, glucose/HgA1c, uric acid
  - Urine (24 hr): calcium, uric acid, oxalate, sodium, citrate
  - Urine pH: uric acid crystals form in acidic uric, calcium phosphate crystals form in alkaline urine, urine is alkaline with struvite stones

#### • Imaging:

- Radiolucent (uric acid stones) vs opaque (most other stones)
- ? Nephrocalcinosis
- Stone Analysis



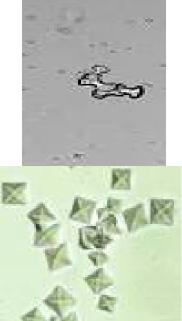
#### **Selected Medications**

- Change urine pH or composition:
  - Vitamin C
  - Vitamin D
  - Calcium (ie. CaCO3)
  - Diuretics: carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, loop diuretics
- Drug precipitates:
  - Antimicrobials: acyclovir, amoxicillin, ampicillin, ceftriaxone, ciprofloxacin, sulfamethoxazole
    - Protease inhibitors: indinavir
  - Guaifenesin
  - Triamterene
  - Methotrexate

#### **Calcium Oxalate**

- Most common (80-85%)
- Presumed diagnosis unless atypical features
- Higher incidence:
  - Post (partial) bowel resection
  - High dose Vitamin C
  - Family history
- Hypercalciuria not necessary
- Hyperoxaluria not necessary







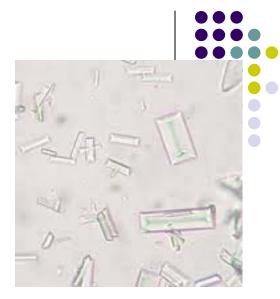
#### **Uric Acid Stones**

- Reasonably common
- Risk factors:
  - Gout
  - Chronic diarrhea
  - Obesity
  - Metabolic syndrome / DM
  - Malignancy
- Not seen on plain X-ray
- Hyperuricosuria common



#### **Struvite Stones**

- Magnesium ammonium phosphate + calcium carbonate
- Formed in infected upper urinary tract:
  - Females, neurogenic bladder, urinary diversion
  - Can grow quickly so often present late
    - UTI symptoms, flank pain, gross hematuria
    - pH > 7
- Antibiotics and surgical removal required

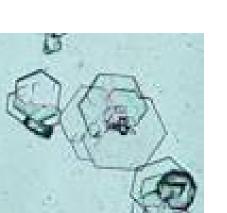






#### **Cystine Stones**

- Cystinuria 1/7000 live births
  - Reduced renal absorption cystine (plus ornithine, lysine, arginine)
- +/- Family history
- Often presents in childhood
- Can form staghorn calculi
- Less radiopaque than calcium stones





## What proven treatments are there?



- Increasing fluid intake
- Thiazide diuretic (reduces urine calcium)
- Allopurinol (reduces urine uric acid)
- Citrate (raises urine citrate / raises urine pH)

#### **Other Treatments**



- Diet
- Oral calcium (oxalate binding)
- Disease-specific
  - ie. captopril or penicillamine for cystinuria
- Analgesia
- Alpha blockers (relax smooth muscle tone of ureters to help stone pass / relieve colic)
- Lithotripsy
- Surgical
  - Endoscopic
  - Percutaneous
  - Open
- MEDICAL THERAPY DOES NOT DISSOLVE STONES

#### Case 1 – Patient AS



- 34 F 4 year history of recurrent nephrolithiasis, onset with renal colic at age 26 when pregnant
  - Every 6 months, then monthly severe colic
  - Stone obstruction twice (9mm, 1.2cm); bilateral ureteric obstruction with urosepsis
  - Ureteric stents placed on multiple occasions
- No family history
- CT-KUB consistent with medullary sponge kidneys; multiple bilateral calculi up to 3 mm in size

#### **AS - continued**

- Normal serum biochemistry
- Stone analysis: calcium oxalate
- Urinalysis: pH 6.5, RBC 40-100/hpf
- 24 hr urine:
  - Volume 3.7 L
  - Calcium
  - Oxalate
  - Citrate
  - Sodium
  - Uric acid

5.2 (2.2-6.5 mmol/d) 344 (40-340 umol/d) 4.44 (0.7-4.9 mmol/d) 207 (40-220 mmol/d) 3.4 (1-3.8 mmol/d)





#### AS – follow up 3 years later...

#### • Therapy:

- HCTZ 12.5 mg po BID
- Potassium citrate 50 mEq po TID
- Prazosin 1 mg po OD
- Cipro 500 mg po OD
- Endoscopic stone extraction & laser lithotripsy x2
- Urine pH 8.5
- Urine volume still high, biochemistry still normal
- Right hydronephrosis with multiple impacted ureteric stones currently awaiting surgery

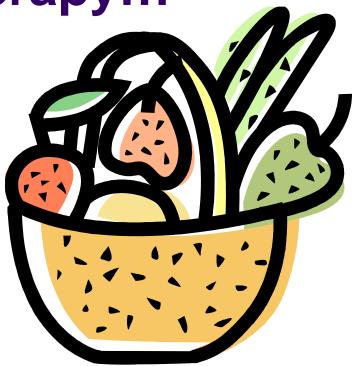
#### Case 2 - Patient WM

- 32 F of Chinese descent, presented with creatinine 106 on routine lab testing
  - U/S: nephrocalcinosis, bilateral hydronephrosis, cortical thinning
  - CT: staghorn calculi bilaterally, multiple intrarenal stones
- Extensive surgery / subsequent surgeries
- Pregnancy with nephrolithiasis complicating
- Urine amino acid electrophoresis: urine cystine excretion 4x normal
- Increased fluids, diet control, and K citrate





#### **Onto nutrition therapy...**



#### Agenda

- Types of stones
- Nutritional risk factors
- Nutritional assessment
- Evidence
- Challenges
- Post test



#### The Stones that Roll In...



- Most common: calcium oxalate & uric acid
- Struvite stone
- Clients can have various ones over time, i.e. calcium oxalate, uric acid



#### **Nutritional Risk Factors**

- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Gout
- Gastrointestinal complications

#### **Nutritional Assessment**



- Assess the 24 hour urinalysis
  - Urine volume, calcium, oxalate, sodium, citrate, uric acid, pH (if completed)
- Assess 3 day diet record
  - Fluid intake, salt, sugar, caffeine, protein, calcium, oxalate
- Assess vitamins/minerals/herbal remedies
  - Vitamin C dose?
  - Herbal remedies



#### Case Study: 55 year old female

MEAL	FOOD
Breakfast	-All-Bran cereal with 1/2C milk -Coffee -1 banana
Lunch	<ul><li>-1C canned soup</li><li>-4 crackers with cheese</li></ul>
Dinner	-Frozen dinner -1C juice
Snacks:	-salted nuts, candy, chocolate, cookies
Fluid intakes:	Water: 750ml; Coffee: 2C; Juice: 1-2C

#### Case Study cont.



• She presents with the following 24 hour urinalysis:

LAB	VALUE	REFERENCE RANGE
Urine volume	1500 ml	
Calcium	3.4	1.0-7.0
Oxalate	1297	40-340
Citrate	0.8	1.0-6.0
Uric acid	2.4	1.5-4.5
Sodium	254	40-220



#### Analyzing the 24 hour urinalysis

- Urine volume = low
- Oxalate = elevated
- Citrate = low

• Sodium = elevated

#### **Nutritional Concerns**



MEAL	FOOD
Breakfast	- <b>All-Bran cereal</b> with 1/2C milk -Coffee -1 banana
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#### Nutritional Concerns cont.



- All bran cereal, nuts, chocolate  $\rightarrow$  Oxalate
- Canned soup, cheese, frozen dinner, salted nuts → Sodium
- Juice, candy  $\rightarrow$  Sugar
- Low fluid intake
- Inadequate calcium intake

#### **Dietary Recommendations**

- Increase fluid intakes: 2.5-3L (10-12C)
  - Includes: water, milk, juice, tea, & soup
- Limit high oxalate content food
- Monitor sodium
- Reduce refined sugars
- Citrate therapy
- Meet calcium requirements for age/gender





#### **Case Study: 41 year old male**

MEAL	FOOD
Breakfast	-2 slices bacon, 1 egg, 2 slices toast -Black tea
Lunch	-2 C mixed green salad with almonds and 1 C tuna
Dinner	-5 oz. steak, ½ mashed potatoes, ½ C asparagus
Snacks:	-nuts, fruit, black tea
Fluid intakes:	Water: 1500 ml; Black tea: 2C

#### Case study cont.



• He presents with the following 24 hour urinalysis:

LAB	VALUE	REFERENCE RANGE
Urine volume	1800 ml	
Oxalate	303	40-340
Citrate	2.5	1.0-6.0
Uric acid	6.0	1.5-4.5
Sodium	140	40-220



#### Analyzing the 24 hour urinalysis

- Urine volume = Low <2L
- Uric Acid = Elevated
- Sodium

#### **Nutritional Concerns**



MEAL	FOOD
Breakfast	-2 slices bacon, 1 egg, 2 slices toast -Black tea
Lunch	-2 C mixed green salad with almonds and 1 C tuna
Dinner	-5 oz. steak, ½ mashed potatoes, ½ C asparagus
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# Nutritional Concerns cont.

- Bacon, egg, tuna, steak  $\rightarrow$  Uric acid
- Sodium intakes
- Calcium intakes



### **Dietary Recommendations**

- Limit intake of meat & alternatives to 2-3 servings/day (1serving=2.5oz)
- Increase fluid 2.5L
- Limit sodium intakes
- Meet calcium requirements for age/gender

## **Evidence : Fluid Intake**



- Low strength evidence that, compared to no treatment, increased fluid intake to maintain daily u/o of >2L/day significantly reduces risk of stones.
- High fluid intake (>2.5L/d) decreases risk for kidney stones in adults with no previous history

## **Evidence: Calcium**



- Limited evidence shows that restricting calcium will increase stone formation
- Elevated calcium in urine is responsible for calcium containing stones
- Some evidence shows high intake of dietary calcium appears to decrease risk for symptomatic kidney stones

### **Evidence: Oxalate**



- Limited evidence shows that lowering dietary oxalate will reduce risk of calcium oxalate stones
- Oxalate bioavailability varies in food although a food may be high in oxalate, its bioavailability may be low, i.e. swiss chard

## **Evidence: Protein**



- Protein from animal sources increases the excretion of calcium, oxalate, and uric acid in urine.
- Limited evidence supports that high urine uric acid excretion increases the risk of calcium oxalate stones

# **Citrate Therapy**



- May work to increase urinary citrate + pH, which reduces CaOx crystal formation
- Evidence does show increase of urinary citrate with citrate therapy alone
- More significant changes seen with K-Citrate
- K-Citrate + citrate therapy is more effective than citrate therapy alone

# Challenges

- Individuals with:
  - Heart disease
  - Diabetes





### **Stone Cold Recommendations**

- Suggest 2.5-3L fluids/day
- Limit high oxalate content foods
- Meet recommendations for calcium
- Monitor sodium intakes
- Enjoy 2-3 servings from meats & alternatives group

## Post Test - 1



- What is the most common type of kidney stone?
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### Post test - 2



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  - Citrate supplementation
  - Dietary calcium restriction
  - Increased fluid intake



#### **Questions??**

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